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SUBJECT: JOINT ASTP TOUR

STATE 192089; DONNELLY/CALLAWAY TELCON 8/14

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1. PER PARA I REFTTEL, ASSUME PRESS CONFERENCES FOR EACH CITY VISITED.

2. PER PARA M, APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION ON WHAT "OTHER" PRESENTATION ITEMS WILL BE PRESENTED TO WHOM. SUGGEST LABEL PINS AS MASS GIVEAWAY ITEM OF GREAT POPULARITY IN USSR. PRESUME SEVERAL HUNDRED US AND USSR COINS CONTAINING METAL FROM TWO SPACECRAFT WILL BE RESERVED FOR EMBASSY PRESTIGE GIFTS. UNDERSTAND 25,000 ARE TO BE EXCHANGED.

3. PER PARA O, IS THREE-PERSON DOCUMENTARY FILM CREW INCLUDED IN 10-PERSON MEDIA POOL OF SOVIETS?

4. PER PARA P, EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE HAS INFORMALLY APPROACHED ALL US CORRESPONDENTS PRESENTLY IN TOWN AS AGREED TELCON. DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN MAKING TOUR WERE: AP,UPI, BALTIMORE SUN, NY TIMES, NORTH AMERICAN NEWS AGENCY, SATURDAY EVENING POST; OUT OF TOWN ARE: ABC, LA TIMES, MCGRAW-HILL, NBC, NEWSDAY, NEWSWEEK, US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, WASHINGTON POST; NOT INTERESTED: CHICAGO TRIBUNE, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, TIME. CBS CORRESPONDENT SAID HIS NY
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OFFICE WOULD DISCUSS POOL WITH ABC AND NBC.

5. PER PARA P, 3. EMBASSY BELIEVES IN INTEREST USG THAT RESIDNET CORRESPONDENTS MAKE TOUR RATHER THAN US-BASED JOURNALISTS. FAMILIARITY WITH LANGUAGE AND CUSTOMS, PLUS OFTEN-RESTRICTED TRAVEL, MAKE LOCAL BOYS (AND GIRLS) PREFERABLE. NASA MAY PASS EMBASSY OPINION TO JOURNALISTS' HOME OFFICES. HOWEVER, AS MENTIONED TELCON, THERE IS NO RESIDENT AMERICAN TV CREW.

6. REQUEST PHOTO AND BIO SUPPORT ON PRINCIPALS IN US PARTY TO INCLUDE ASTRONAUTS' FAMILIES WHO WILL ACCOMPANY.

7. URGE NASA TO ASSURE THAT BRIEF, PERTINENT QUESTIONS ARE REQUIRED AT PRESS CONFERENCES AS DISCUSSED TELCON.

8. EMBASSY DOES PLAN RECEPTION HONORING ASTP CREWS DURING MOSCOW VISIT.
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